THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) In regard to the request for protecting the return on foreign equity from exchange rate fluctuation, the details shall be finalised by M/s. Enron Power Development Corporation with the Government of India.

(c) The cases are considered on merits by the Government. No discriminatory approach is adopted.

Cases received by BIFR under SICA

@@@@3426. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases received by BIFR under SICA during the last 3 years;

(b) how many cases have been disposed by the BIFR; and

(c) the number of cases pending with BIFR at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that, as on 28-02-1993, it has registered 1331 references under Section '5 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 during the last three years.

(b) and (c) BIFR has disposed of 842 references and the remaining 489 are under process under the various provisions of the Act.

@@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2050, transferred from 11th March, 1993.

Weapons shipped to Bombay by ISI

@@@@@3427. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge consignment of automatic weapons was recently shipped to Bombay by Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to intercept the contraband and fire arms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to some Press reports indicating that Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence has organised smuggling of arms into India with the help of some smuggling syndicates by effecting clandestine landings on the West Coast, especially in or around Bombay. However, available reports do not indicate such landings of firearms.

(b) Government has alerted the field formations and close coordination is being maintained among all the agencies concerned in the prevention and detection of such smuggling.

Application of Excise and Income Tax Laws in Arunachal Pradesh

3428. SHRI NIYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the excise and income tax laws are applicable in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Excise and Income-tax laws are applicable in the State of Arunachal

@@@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2769, transferred from 17th March, 1993.